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WITH

AN ADDRESS

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE,

AND

A NARRATIVE

ON THE SUBJECT OF MISSIONS.

TO WHICH IS SUBJOINED

A STATEMENT

OF THE FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY.



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CONSTITUTION

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

THE General Association of the state of Connecticut, impressed with the obligation on all the friends of Christianity to propagate a knowledge of its gracious and holy doctrines, also encouraged by the late zealous exertions for this end, in sundry Christian bodies, cannot but hope the time is near in which God will spread his truth through the earth. They also consider it a thing of great importance, that some charitable assistance be extended to new Christian settlements in various parts of the United States. The salvation of these souls is precious. The happiness of the rising generation and the order and stability of civil government are most effectually advanced by the diffusion of religious and moral sentiments, through the preaching of the gospel. In deep feeling of these truths, having by prayer sought the direction of God, in the fear of his great name, they have adopted the following CONSTITUTION of a MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article 1. This society shall be known by the name of The Missionary Society of Connecticut.

Art. 2. The General Association of the state of Connecticut shall be the said Missionary Society.

Art. 3. The General Association shall annually, by ballot, appoint twelve trustees, whereof six shall be clergymen and six shall

be brethren of our Churches, who shall conduct the business of our society in the manner hereafter described.

Art. 4. The object of this society shall be to christianize the Heathen in North America, and to support and promote Christian knowledge in the new settlements, within the United States; and both shall be pursued as circumstances shall point out, and as the Trustees, under the superintendence of the General Association, shall direct.

Art. 5. The General Association and the Trustees shall adopt such measures, from time to time, for raising funds, as they shall judge to be expedient.

Art. 6. The Trustees shall have power to apply the funds of the society, according to their discretion, in all cases in which they shall not be limited by the General Association, or by the donors: They shall correspond with other Missionary Societies; shall have power to appoint and dismiss Missionaries; to pay them; and generally to transact all business necessary to attain the ends of the society: And shall be paid their necessary expenses, but nothing for their services.

Art. 7. The Trustees shall annually appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a fair account of their proceedings. They shall also appoint a Chairman, who with four of the Trustees shall be a quorum to transact business. Or if the stated Chairman shall not be present, any seven of the Trustees shall be a quorum.

Art. 8. The Chairman shall have power to call a meeting of the Trustees, at his discretion, by letters left with them, or at the houses of their residence: And it shall be his duty to call such meeting whenever requested by any two of the Trustees. And in case of the death of the Chairman, or of his absence from the State, any two Trustees are hereby empowered to call a meeting.

Art. 9. The General Association shall annually appoint a Treasurer and an Auditor of accounts; and the Treasurer shall exhibit, both to the General Association and to the Trustees, the state of the treasury, whenever he shall be called on for that purpose.

Art. 10. The Trustees shall annually exhibit to the General Association a particular account of the Missionaries employed by them—of places to which they are sent—of the missions—of the state of the funds—of the receipts and expenditures—and of whatever relating to this institution the General Association shall require.

Art. 11. The Trustees, and all the officers of this society, shall enter on their respective offices on the first Wednesday of September, annually; and shall continue in office for one year.

Art. 12. The Trustees shall hold their first meeting at the State-House in Hartford, on the first Wednesday of September next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and in every year thereafter, they shall meet at the same time and place, unless otherwise ordered by the General Association.

Art. 13. If on experience it shall be found necessary to alter this constitution, an alteration may be made by the General Association, at their stated session; but not without having been drawn up in writing and lying under consideration one year; nor unless at least two thirds of all the members of the General Association shall adopt said alteration.

BENJAMIN TRUMBULL, *Moderator.*

Passed in General Association at }
Hebron, June 21, 1798. }

Test,

NATHAN PERKINS, *Scribe.*

IN pursuance of the third article of the preceding constitution, the following persons were chosen Trustees in June 1798. (viz.) The Honorable JOHN TREADWELL, The Honorable HEMAN SWIFT, The Honorable ROGER NEWBERRY, The Honorable JONATHAN BRACE, The Honorable JOHN DAVENPORT, Doctor JOSHUA LOTHROP, The Rev. BENJAMIN TRUMBULL, D. D. The Rev. LEVI HART, The Rev. JONATHAN EDWARDS, D. D. The Rev. CYPRIAN STRONG, The Rev. NATHAN STRONG, and The Rev. CHARLES BACKUS.

At the same time, ANDREW KINGSBURY, Esq. was chosen Treasurer, and JOHN PORTER, Esq. Auditor of the society.

The Trustees, at their first meeting, elected The Honorable JOHN TREADWELL Chairman, and the Rev. ABEL FLINT Secretary of the Board.

In June 1799, the same persons were re-elected Trustees, with the exception of the Rev. JONATHAN EDWARDS, D. D. who having been chosen President of Union College at Schenectady removed out of the State, and in his place The Rev. NATHAN WILLIAMS, D. D. was chosen. The same Treasurer and Auditor were also re-elected: And the same Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

AN ADDRESS

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TO those who have any sense of the blessings of the gospel of peace and salvation, it must appear an object of importance to diffuse a knowledge of these blessings, among such as are destitute of it, as well as to preserve it alive in the minds of those who have received their birth and early impressions in a land of gospel light. This consideration has given rise to many societies, in various parts of the Christian world, whose object has been either to propagate Christianity among Heathen nations, or to continue a knowledge of it where it had once been enjoyed.

For exertions in both these respects, the United States of America have long presented a widely extended field. Within their limits are many tribes of savages, who are still enveloped in the grossest darkness with regard to religion; and as the Aborigines recede farther westward and northward, new settlements of civilized inhabitants are continually forming. The people who form these settlements, from the smallness of their numbers at first, and from other circumstances peculiar to plantations newly settled, must necessarily, for a time, remain destitute of the stated preaching of the gospel and administration of Christian ordinances; and unless Missionaries are sent among them, there is danger of their losing, by degrees, a knowledge of the principles and a regard for the precepts of Christianity.

Impressed with these ideas, the Clergy, as well as many other people of the state of Connecticut, have, from time to time, turned their attention to this subject, and endeavored to form plans for sending Missionaries to the new settlements, in the northern and western parts of the United States. The General Association of the state, in the year 1792, petitioned the Legislature for a contribution throughout the state, for the purpose of supporting Missionaries. The petition was granted, and there was a contribution for three years successively. Considerable sums of money were raised, and a number of Missionaries annually appointed by the General Associa-

tion. Extracts from the journals of these Missionaries were published, in the years 1794, 1795, and 1797, and dispersed through the state. From these extracts it appears, that the plan was productive of great good, and the General Association and other friends of Zion were not willing to relinquish an object which had so favorable an aspect on the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The period for which contributions were granted having expired, and the money having been nearly expended, the General Association, at their session in June 1797, formed an address, which, with a number of extracts on the subject of Missions, was printed and dispersed among the people of the state, with a view of calling their attention to the subject; both as it respected the sending of Missionaries to the new settlements, and the propagating of the gospel among the Indian tribes. Further to promote the same object, the General Association, in June 1798, formed themselves into a Missionary Society, and again addressed the people soliciting their charitable contributions for the support of Missions.

Application was again made to the General Assembly for a contribution; and at their Session in October 1798, they passed a resolve authorizing contributions in the several ecclesiastical societies in the state, for three years successively, and directing the monies which should be contributed to be appropriated by the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in promoting the objects for which said Society was instituted.

The Trustees, chosen by the Society, entered on the business committed to them, in September 1798. Finding that a number of Missionaries had been appointed, for that year, by the General Association, they then made no additional appointments. At their meetings since that time, the following Missionaries have been appointed (*viz.*) the Rev. Aaron Kinne, the Rev. Seth Williston, Mr. Jedidiah Bushnell, Mr. Salmon King, and Mr. Amasa Jerome, to continue during the pleasure of the Board; and also Mr. Sylvester Dana, the Rev. Moses C. Welch, and Mr. Marshfield Steele, each for a term of four months.

Messrs. Williston, Bushnell, King and Jerome are designated to the counties of Onondaga, Cayuga, Ontario, Stuben and Tioga, in the state of New-York. The three first have for several months been engaged on their Missions. Mr. Jerome, having been recently appointed, has not yet entered on his Mission.

Mr. Kinne and Mr. Dana are now laboring in the vacant settlements west of Lake George and Lake Champlain.

Mr. Welch and Mr. Steele are appointed to the four northernmost counties of the State of Vermont, the one to go the east and the other the west side of the Green Mountains. These were recently chosen, and it is not known whether they will accept the appointment.

Provision is also made for the appointment of a Missionary to go into the southern part of the counties of Delaware and Tioga, in the state of New-York, and the tract of country called Susquehanna in the state of Pennsylvania.

At the present session of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Jedidiah Bushnell, one of the above named Missionaries, appeared before the Board, in compliance with a vote passed at their last session, with a view of receiving ordination. Having examined him with respect to his acquaintance with the doctrines of Christianity, his belief in those doctrines, his ability to teach them to others, his experimental acquaintance with the truth, and his views in entering on the work of the ministry, and gaining full satisfaction on these points, the Trustees voted to separate him to that work, and he was accordingly ordained at the North Presbyterian Meeting-House in Hartford, January 15th. 1800. The solemnity of ordination was performed by the following persons. The Rev. George Colton made the introductory prayer, the Rev. Cyprian Strong preached the sermon, the Rev. Benjamin Trumbull D. D. made the consecrating prayer, the Rev. Nathan Williams D. D. gave the charge, the Rev. Charles Backus gave the right hand of Fellowship, and the Rev. Abel Flint made the concluding prayer.

From the liberal subscriptions and contributions of the people of the state, the Trustees flatter themselves that they shall be able to supply the vacant settlements with more Missionary labors than they have been supplied with in past years. And with a view of further promoting the object of the institution, they have appropriated one hundred dollars of the funds of the society for the purchase of books for religious instruction, to be distributed, at the discretion of the Missionaries, to congregations, families and individuals in the new settlements.

While they are happy in advancing the views of the society and of those who have generously contributed to its funds, as well as of the Legislature in authorizing contributions, relative to their brethren in the new settlements, they are not unmindful of the other object of the institution, the christianizing of the Heathen. They have made some progress in acquiring the necessary information on that difficult and important subject, but have not been able, as yet, to mature a plan which affords a reasonable prospect of success. As soon as they shall see a door opened for an effort to diffuse the knowledge of Christianity among the Indians, and shall have discovered the proper means to effect it, they will employ the most zealous exertions to promote the best interests of those unhappy people, in spreading among them the favor of the Redeemer's name.

The following accounts of the labors of Missionaries, and extracts from their narratives, while they manifest the zeal and engagedness of the Missionaries, will serve to convince those who have generously contributed to the support of Missions, that the money thus bestowed

ed, has, under the blessing of Heaven, subserved a most valuable purpose ; and, it is hoped, will induce them to contribute still more abundantly in future.

The Rev. Amos Bassett commenced his Mission in August 1798. He visited the vacant settlements in the counties of Orange, Caledonia and Essex, in the state of Vermont, and also the settlements in the state of New-Hampshire, adjoining Connecticut river. In several places in Vermont he found a more than ordinary attention to religion. He was universally received with cordiality, and treated in a manner which evinced that the inhabitants were pleased with having Missionaries come among them. In the close of his narrative he remarks, that “ the good effects of the labors of former Missionaries were perceivable ; that they served to keep alive, in the minds of the people, a sense of the benefit of religious order, and to lead them, as they became able, to make arrangements for its permanent support.”

In August 1798, the Rev. Messrs Alexander Gillet and Publius V. Booge commenced a tour of about eight weeks in the counties of Rutland, Addison, Chittenden, Caledonia, Orleans and Franklin, in the state of Vermont, where they had also been the preceding year. They sometimes travelled in company, and sometimes separately, appointing lectures, &c. for each other. The following remarks are extracted from their narratives. Mr. Gillet observes, “ In my tour I travelled towards 700 miles ; preached about fifty times ; baptized ten children ; attended one Association and one Council, and was absent seven weeks and five days. It is with much satisfaction I remark, that the prospect of doing good to the new settlements increases. My reception appeared more cordial in general among them than last year. They are more attentive to lectures. They seem more impressed with a sense of the benevolent exertions of the good people of Connecticut, in making provision to send Missionaries among them. It forces on them at least some thoughts of making provision for the support of the gospel. Infidelity is less bold than last year.”

Mr. Booge, in the conclusion of his narrative, says, “ I spent forty-five days in the new settlements ; preached fifty-four times ; attended one council ; baptized seven children, and administered the sacrament of the Lord’s supper once. Am happy to say, that I was treated in all places where I went with tokens of grateful respect. The people gladly took pains and submitted to many inconveniences for the sake of getting together to hear preaching. And I think, making a comparison between last year and this, the religious appearances grow much more favorable and promising. The people appear to be more impressed with a sense of the necessity of supporting religious order, besides some special attention in a number of places. The people are particularly thankful to Connecticut for sending them Missionaries ; but many of them

“ would be more obliged if we could send them a number of well recommended candidates to settle among them. The scarcity of candidates is to be lamented ; they would meet with very good encouragement in many of the new towns, and be of singular service to the cause of truth.”

In the fall of the year 1798, the Rev. Walter King performed a missionary tour of about two months, in the counties of Chenango and Tioga, state of New-York. He visited a number of settlements, preached about forty times, and was in general very favorably received. He remarks, “ While I have been a preacher, never did I enjoy a season, in so short a time, of so much Christian satisfaction, or so high a probability of being really useful to the souls of men. The importance of the undertaking has increased unspeakably in my view, and no properly directed efforts, in continuing and enlarging our Missions, can possibly exceed our duty.”

The Rev. Seth Williston was appointed by the General Association, at their session in June 1798, to perform a tour of four months, particularly in the county of Onondaga, state of New-York. In this county he labored from about the first of September to the end of the year; occasionally however going into the counties of Chenango and Tioga. He preached and attended conferences from day to day ; visited the sick ; baptized children, and administered the Lord's supper. He observes, “ I have been accepted and treated with much hospitality. In general good attention has been paid to my public ministrations ; though as yet I have seen no great apparent fruit of my labors. I believe there are some Christians scattered through all these new settlements ; but at present it is a remarkably dead time with them.* I have found that children are very much neglected as to their religious and literary education. It has been therefore with me a principal object to enforce the duty of parental faithfulness, in training up children “ in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” There are but few churches in the county, and no stated ministers of our order. There is a great want of some able, pious, zealous men to fix down in different parts of the county, as ministers of the gospel. Three or four such might be extensively useful. We are afraid to establish Churches, while there are no shepherds within call to feed and lead them. There is also a great want of pious books among the people ; and I think the Missionary Societies would lay out some of their money to good advantage in sending such books among the new settlements.”

Mr. Williston, after having finished this tour, went into the county of Ontario, in pursuance of an appointment which he received from the Board of Trustees. Here he continued four months, con-

* The date of this account is December 1798, since that time the religious appearances there are more favorable, as appears by Mr. Bushnell's narrative.

fining his labors to a few places, where there was a great revival of religion, and the people extremely anxious to hear the word, and to converse on religious subjects. It appears from Mr. Williston's narrative, that he preached almost every day, and often to numerous assemblies; he baptized several children; occasionally administered the Lord's supper, and admitted a number of persons into the Churches which had been established in that part of the country. He was received with a joyful welcome, and the inhabitants expressed much thankfulness to the Missionary Society and to the people of Connecticut, for their liberality in contributing to the support of Missions.

Having accomplished these two Missions, Mr. Williston entered on a third. A narrative of ten weeks of this Mission has been received, from which it appears, that he spent his time chiefly in the counties of Onondaga and Cayuga. In the township of Locke, he assisted in the organization of a Church upon the Congregational plan; and here as well as in other places he administered the Christian ordinances. He mentions revivals of religion in several towns, and remarks that in this as well as in his former Missions he was received and treated in a manner which evinced the gratitude of the people, and their high satisfaction in being visited by Missionaries from Connecticut.

Mr. Bushnell entered on a Mission, the first of July last, in the county of Ontario, one of the western counties in the state of New-York. There being a great revival in that county, especially in the towns of Bloomfield and Bristol, he spent the most of his time there till November, when he came into the counties of Cayuga and Onondaga, where he labored to the end of the year, preaching almost every day and visiting from house to house. In these counties he found a number of settlements where God appeared to be beginning a glorious work, and there were many pleasing symptoms of a revival. In most places where he preached he was treated with kindness, and the people manifested a great disposition to hear the word. The following remarks, taken from the conclusion of his journal, will show the reception he met with and the general state of religion in the counties within the field of his Mission.

" I have spent most of the time, since I entered upon my Mission
 " in the county of Ontario. In that county God has been pleased
 " to pour down his spirit, in a remarkable manner. The religious
 " attention began some more than a year ago, in the town of Bris-
 " tol. It soon spread in a number of societies in the town of
 " Bloomfield. The work increased gradually through the winter.
 " But in the spring and summer following, God made a more won-
 " derful display of divine power and grace, in the conversion of
 " sinners. It was truly a glorious time; many people, it is be-
 " lieved, will remember it forever. Through the whole awaken-
 " ing the most evident marks have appeared that the work was

“ God’s work. The convictions of sinners have been regular, solemn and pungent ; their conversions calm, rational and heavenly. Two societies in the town of Bristol and three in the town of Bloomfield have been the most highly favored with the blessed effusions of the Holy Spirit ; though the neighboring societies have shared considerably in the fruits of the glorious harvest.— And in my last tour over the county individuals appeared awakened in most places. Five Churches have been formed in the county of Ontario, the year past ; also great additions have been made to a number of Churches previously organized. In some of the other western counties appearances are promising.— Audiences are frequently numerous, and the attention solemn.

“ But, notwithstanding some parts of the wilderness have, of late, appeared to blossom like the rose, there are many places where the inhabitants are truly in a deplorable situation. They are perishing in darkness. It is not uncommon for Missionaries to preach where the people have not heard a sermon for twelve months. Their destitute situation is truly affecting. The treatment of the people, in the new settlements, to my person has been kind and obliging. They expressed great gratitude to the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, and to those who have benevolently contributed to the support of Missionaries. Many of them with flowing tears requested their thanks might be given to their benefactors, praying that Heaven would reward them a thousand fold into their bosoms.”

From sundry paragraphs in the journals of the Missionaries it appears, that in most places which they visited they were very kindly received. The people were abundant in their expressions of gratitude to them and to the inhabitants of Connecticut, who had thus generously contributed to promote their best interests. Letters have also been received from the inhabitants of several towns expressing great thankfulness for the exertions made in this part of the country to send Missionaries among them. They ask the continuance of these favors, and in very moving language solicit their brethren and friends in Connecticut to compassionate their destitute situation, and to afford them that relief which, under the blessing of Heaven, may not only promote their temporal happiness, but what is of infinitely more consequence, subserve the interests of their immortal souls.

It further appears, by letters recently received from the Rev. Mr. Williston, and by verbal information from Mr. Bushnell, that the inhabitants of the new settlements, especially in various places, were never so anxious to hear the gospel as they are at present. The happy effects of the word have never before been so apparent. True Christians, who are scattered in one place and another, appear to have had fresh anointings of the Spirit, and to have been, in an uncommon manner, stirred up to pray for themselves and the prosperity of Zion : and have determined to form themselves, in places

where they had not done it before, into distinct Churches, for the celebration of the divine ordinances. Sinners have been awakened and apparently converted to God. The great enquiry, "What must we do to be saved?" appears to be most happily spreading. The success of the Missions, in none of the preceding years, has appeared so great, as in the two last, nor the prospects of their essential service to the souls of men, and to the general welfare of the country, so very flattering. The Trustees are exceedingly animated by the prospects which present themselves. Their conviction of the importance and utility of the Missions, especially at the present time, is daily increasing. In the happy effects of them they feel themselves amply compensated for whatever labors or expense of time they are called to employ in the affairs of their appointment.

In these views and feelings, they cannot persuade themselves to close this address without observing, that God appears to be doing wonderful things for Zion in various parts of the world. Though some of the nations of Europe have almost wholly renounced Christianity, and although infidelity has of late been peculiarly bold and daring, yet God is manifesting that his word shall stand firm, and that the gates of Hell shall not be suffered to prevail against his Church. During the last and the preceding year, the Holy Spirit has been poured out, in copious effusions, on many places, and there has been a more general revival of religion than has been known in this country for upwards of half a century. From the statement already made it appears, that this glorious work has not been limited to New-England, but has extended to many places in the new settlements, and there are pleasing prospects of its still further spreading. This circumstance, it is presumed, will operate as an additional motive to augment the contributions the ensuing spring; that those who now, in a very peculiar manner, feel the importance of religious instruction may be furnished with the means of obtaining that which they so ardently wish.

And while God is thus remarkably pouring out his Spirit on the people of this country, it is a circumstance to be noticed with grateful praise to the great Head of the Church that the endeavors of the friends of Zion in Europe have been crowned with singular success. Missionaries have been sent to the unenlightened inhabitants of Africa, the East-Indies, and the Islands in the South Seas. These Missionaries have been favorably received, and there are strong grounds to hope that God, in fulfilment of ancient prophecies, is about to give to his Son the Heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.

The Trustees conceive nothing can be more animating to the exertions and prayers of good people than these appearances that the set time to favor Zion is commencing; that God is about to build her up and appear in his glory. Can any thing be more desirable or honorable than to be co-workers with him? First in charity, in prayers,

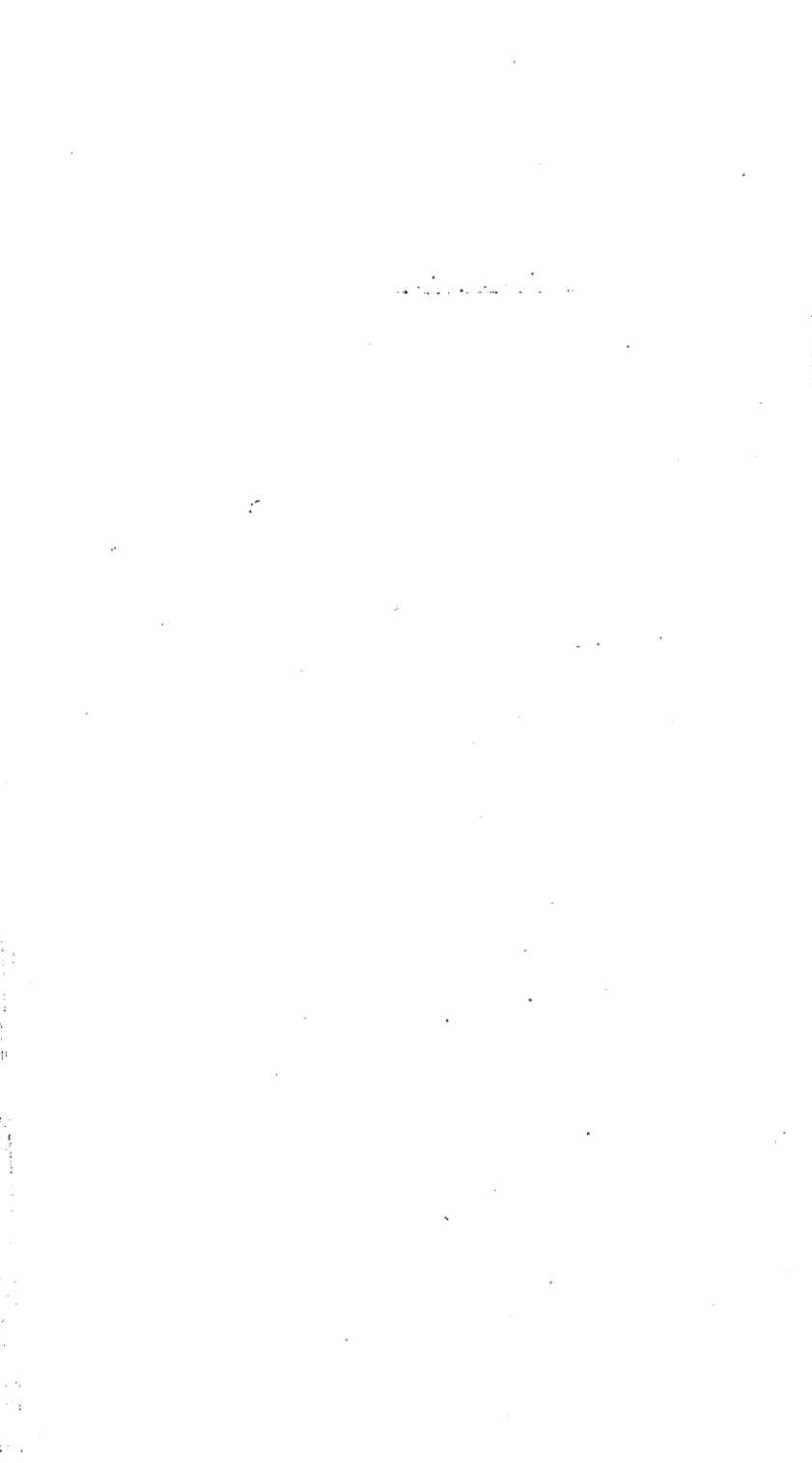
and in exertions in carrying into execution such benevolent and glorious designs ! What happiness must it afford the pious and benevolent, by means of their charitable contributions, to be preaching the gospel, gathering regular Churches, administering the sacraments, distributing books of piety and instruction, diffusing Christian knowledge, and promoting domestic, civil and religious order and happiness among the inhabitants who are spread over a tract of country nearly as extensive as all New-England ?—To be gladdening the hearts of multitudes of fellow Christians, in the wilderness, with the joyful tidings of salvation, and to be opening the door of faith and hope to the perishing Pagans of America ?—To be the means of preserving the knowledge and reverence of the scriptures, of the sanctification of the sabbath, and the ascending of the incense of prayer and praise from thousands of families with a fragrance more sweet and acceptable to the throne of Heaven, than that of the morning and evening sacrifice, where otherwise the scriptures, the sabbath, devotion and the Saviour would be either disregarded or unknown ? Were it possible for the people of the state to conceive what joy and gratitude have been excited, and what abundance of thanksgiving and prayers have been offered to the Most High, in consequence of their past charitable assistance, their very hearts would certainly be moved. While they reflect that the Lord Jesus Christ, though he was rich for their sakes became poor, while they experience the sweetness of his love, and hope through his poverty to be made rich, it will not fail still further to excite their liberality in promoting the divine purposes for which he suffered and died. It will not escape their reflection, that the widow's mite and the cup of cold water given to such as belong to Christ, will be brought into remembrance and be rewarded in the presence of the assembled universe : That when the judge shall say unto his people, " Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you," he will proclaim, " Verily, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." In these animating prospects it is presumed that their contributions will be liberal, in some happy measure proportionate to the great and benevolent objects in contemplation.

Finally, while they solicit the charity of their brethren, the Trustees intreat them with their alms to unite their most fervent prayers for the divine smiles on all the Missionary Societies in Europe and America ; and especially, as the harvest in this country is great, beyond all former precedent, that God would grant the plentiful effusions of his Spirit on all our churches, colleges and schools, and graciously qualify and send forth laborers into his harvest.

JOHN TREADWELL, *Chairman.*

Passed by the Board of Trustees, Jan. 15, 1800.

Test, ABEL FLINT, *Secretary.*



A STATEMENT OF THE FUNDS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

No. 1.

ACCOUNT of Monies contributed in the several Congregational Societies in the State of Connecticut, for the support of missions, on the first Sabbath in May 1799, pursuant to a Resolve of the General Assembly of said State, passed at their session the second Thursday of October 1798.

HARTFORD COUNTY.

	D.	C.		D.	C.
Hartford, 1st Society	45	94	Granby, Salmon Brook	10	75
2d Society	17	7	Turkey Hills	8	17
West-Division	15		Hartland, 1st Society	8	33
Berlin, Kenfington	7		West-Hartland	12	57
New-Britain	17	85	Southington,	11	54
Worthington	11	92	Suffield, West-Suffield	16	73
Bristol, Cambridge	23	3	Symsbury, 1st Society	3	52
West-Britain	9	31	West-Symsbury	14	
East-Hartford, 1st Society	12	56	Wethersfield, 1st Society	61	30
Orford	4	8	Newington	10	64
East-Windsor, Scantic	8	2	Stepney	21	80
Enfield	6	34	Windsor, 1st Society	17	12
Farmington, 1st Society	47	22	Wintonbury	13	83
Northington	12	64			
Glastenbury, 1st Society	19	91	Total Hartford C.	468	19

NEW-HAVEN COUNTY.

	D.	C.		D.	C.
N. Haven, United Society	32	66	Milford, 1st Society	40	40
West-Haven	16	56	2d Society	20	
Branford, 1st Society	23	50	North-Haven	15	
Northford	2	33	Oxford	4	10
Cheshire, 1st Society	15	41	Wallingford, 1st Society	6	50
Derby, 1st Society	5	83	Waterbury, Middlebury	10	
Durham	5	66	Woodbridge, Amity	13	88
East-Haven	4	5	Wolcott	5	10
Guilford, 1st Society	11	88			
North-Guilford	6	8	Total New-Haven C.	248	44
Hamden, Mount Carmel	9	50			

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NEW-LONDON COUNTY.

	D. C.		D. C.
New-London	25	Lisbon, Hanover	6 72
Norwich, 1st Society	33	Lyme, 1st Society	7 32
Chelsea	21 75	North-Quarter	6
Bozrah	2 74	Montville, 1st Society	11 38
Colchester, 1st Society	7	Preston, North-Preston	35 11
West-Chester	12	Stonington, 1st Society	6 50
Marlborough	4 75		
Franklin	8	Total New-London C.	203 47
Lisbon, Newent	16 20		

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

	D. C.		D. C.
Fairfield, 1st Society	15	Norwalk, Canaan	23 62
Green's-Farms	11 28	Reading	5 78
Danbury, 1st Society	14 16	Ridgefield, 1st Society	7 16
Bethel	2 55	Ridgbury	25 37
Brookfield	4 37	Stamford, 1st Society	25
Greenwich, 1st Society	7 18	Stanwich	18 81
2d do.	42 82	Stratford, 1st Society	4 12
Huntington, Ripton	11 80	Stratfield	13 50
New-Stratford	4	Weston, 1st Society	8 46
New-Fairfield, N. Society	6 20	Norfield	4
Newtown	3 6		
Norwalk, 1st Society	27 62	Total Fairfield C.	293 10
Wilton	7 24		

WINDHAM COUNTY.

	D. C.		D. C.
Windham, 1st Society	7 28	Lebanon, Exeter	3 80
Scotland	6	Mansfield, 1st Society	22 46
Ashford, 1st Society	5	North do.	10 60
Eastford	3 75	Plainfield	9 34
Brooklyn	7 12	Pomfret, 1st Society	6 26
Canterbury, 1st Society	3 53	Abington	5 59
Westminster	3 50	Woodstock, 1st Society	8 58
Hampton	26	Muddy-Brook	8 7
Lebanon, 1st Society	35 26		
Crank	11 50	Total Windham C.	201 4
Goshen	17 40		

LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

	D. C.		D. C.
Litchfield, 1st Society	40	Barkhempsted, 1st Society	2 22
South Farms	8 31	Winsted	3 95
Northfield	2 65	Bethlem,	19 55

	D.	C.		D.	C.
Canaan, 1st Society	7		Sharon,	10	
North-Canaan	4	25	Southbury, 1st Society	10	21
Colebrook,	9		Torrington, 1st Society	18	90
Cornwall, 1st Society	11	25	Torringtonford	23	12
Goshen,	29		Warren,	17	6
Harwinton,	20	26	Washington, 1st Society	21	23
Kent,	8	73	Watertown,	12	94
New-Hartford,	42		Winchester,	4	83
Norfolk,	26	11	Woodbury,	1	13
Plymouth,	10	81			
Roxbury,	6	89	Total Litchfield C.	385	60
Salisbury,	14	20			

Note. In the town of Woodbury there was also raised by subscription D. 27 88

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

	D.	C.		D.	C.
Middletown, 1st Society	10	32	E. Haddam, Hadline	2	68
Upper Houses	6	43	Killingworth, 1st Society	4	36
Westfield	5		N. Killingworth	4	63
Congregational	5		Saybrook, 1st Society	12	47
Chatham, 1st Society	7	64	2d do.	13	
East-Hampton	5	40	3d do.	4	47
Middle Haddam	2	33	4th do.	8	50
E. Haddam, 1st Society	13	1			
Millington	9	43	Total Middlesex C.	114	67

TOLLAND COUNTY.

	D.	C.		D.	C.
Tolland,	8		Hebron, Gilead	6	42
Bolton, 1st Society	20	72	Somers,	11	17
North-Bolton	5	38	Stratford, 1st Society	14	22
Coventry, 1st Society	8	63	Union,	3	57
North Society	10	78			
Andover,	7	66	Total Tolland C.	103	74
Hebron, 1st Society	7	19			

SUMMARY TOTAL.

	D.	C.
HARTFORD COUNTY	468	19
NEW-HAVEN do.	248	44
NEW-LONDON do.	203	47
FAIRFIELD do.	293	10
WINDHAM do.	201	4
LITCHFIELD do.	385	60
MIDDLESEX do.	114	67
TOLLAND do.	103	74

Total of Contributions for the Year 1799, 2018 25

No. 2.

ACCOUNT of Funds accruing to the Society in addition to what was contributed on the first Sabbath in May 1799.

		D.	C.
1798			
Sept. 7.	From the Rev. Mefs'rs. Nathan Williams, D. D. Thomas W. Bray and James Dana, D. D. the Committee of Missions under former regulations,	638	83
October.	From sundry persons subscribed within the limits of Hartford North Association, to promote the object of the Missionary Society, established by them and by direction of said Association paid to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of Connecticut,	67	61
1799			
May.	From sundry subscriptions, donations, &c.	33	88
	From sundry persons for a permanent fund, (viz.)		
	The Rev. George Colton,	50	0
	The Rev. Noah Benedict,	5	0
	The Rev. James Noyes,	7	0
	The Rev. Isaac Lewis, D. D.	3	25
	The Rev. J. Willard, Stafford,	1	0
	The Rev. Nathan Williams, D. D.	20	0
	The Rev. Nicholas Street,	1	0
1800	The Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, D. D.		
Jan. 14.	profits arising from the sale of his discourses on Revelation,	90	0
		177	25
	From the Rev. Amos Bassett, money received		
1799	by him in the new settlements,	1	17
Sept.	From the Rev. Seth Williston, ditto,	53	41
Dec. 23.	From Interest on money loaned by direction of the Trustees,	51	48
1800	From Mefs. Nathan Strong, Abel Flint and		
Jan. 7.	Joseph Steward, profits arising from the sale of the Hartford Selection of Hymns to January 1,	80	0
	From Mr. Jedidiah Bushnell received by him in the new settlements,	5	0
		Dolls.	1108 63

No. 3.

Disbursements, by order of the Trustees.

		D.	C.
1798			
Sept. 8.	To Rev. Walter King in advance to him as a Missionary,	10	0
Nov. 16.	To do. on account for Missionary Services,	34	0
Dec. 3.	To Rev. Amos Bassett, ditto. ditto.	115	0
13.	To Rev. P. V. Booge, ditto. ditto.	14	0
1799			
Jan. 10.	To Rev. Alexander Gillett, ditto. ditto.	14	0
May 7.	To Mefs'rs. Hudson and Goodwin, for Printing and Stationary,	8	46
	To Rev. Amos Bassett, allowed in his account for money received in new settlements,	1	17
	To ditto. the balance of his account,	3	83
	To Rev. Publius V. Booge, do.	1	0
	To Rev. Alexander Gillett, do.	1	0
	To Rev. Walter King, do.	1	0
	To Mefs'rs. O. D. and I. Cooke, for a Map of Vermont,	2	0
June 20.	To Rev. Andrew Judson balance of his account for Missionary Services,	88	0
July 5.	To Mr. Salmon King in advance to him as a Missionary,	25	0
Aug. 2.	To Rev. Mr. Flint his account for Stationary and Postage,	3	89
14.	To Rev. Seth Williston for Missionary Services,	127	16
	To ditto. allowed in his account for money received in new settlements,	53	41
Sept. 4.	To ditto. balance of his account,	49	43
	To Mefs'rs. Hudson and Goodwin for Printing and Stationary,	9	71
Oct. 22.	To Rev. Aaron Kinne in advance to him as a Missionary,	25	0
	To Mr. Sylvester Dana, ditto.	25	0
1800			
Jan. 6.	To Mr. Jedidiah Bushnell for Missionary Services,	150	0
7.	To the Committee chosen by the Trustees to purchase Books to be distributed in the new settlements,	100	0
	To Mr. John Babcock for 40 Hymn Books to be distributed in the new settlements by order of the Trustees,	15	0
14.	To Mr. Jed. Bushnell the balance of his account,	6	0
		Dolls.	883 6

No. 4.

Treasurer's Account Current.

Dr. { *The Missionary Society of Connecticut in Account Current* } Cr.
 { *with Andrew Kingsbury as their Treasurer.* }

To amount of disbursements by order of the Trustees as per preceding statement No. 3.	D. c.	883 6	By amount of contributions as per preceding statement No. 1.	D. c.	2018 25
To balance now on hand,		2243 82	By amount of donations, &c. as per preceding statement No. 2.		1108 63
Dolls.		3,126 88	Dolls.		3,126 88
			By balance of above account,		2243 82

JOHN PORTER, *Auditor*
to Missionary Society.

A. KINGSBURY, *Treasurer*
to said Society.

Hartford, Jan. 20, 1800.

IN addition to the disbursements already made by the Trustees, there is due to the Missionaries now engaged, for their services to the present time, about 300 Dollars; and before the time of the next contribution, there will be wanted, to pay Missionaries and other demands against the Society, the further sum of about 800 Dollars.

The Trustees, at their meeting in May last, directed the Treasurer to loan, on good security, the money belonging to the Society, being careful to do it on such terms as to be able to answer the demands which may be made from time to time upon the Society.

At the same time the Trustees voted, That subscription books should be opened at the Treasurer's Office and in each county town in the state, under the direction of such persons as the Treasurer should appoint, to give opportunity to those who may be disposed to subscribe to the funds of the Society, designating whether the money subscribed is to be appropriated at the discretion of the Trustees, or to go to the establishment of a fund the interest of which only to be thus appropriated.

In conformity to this vote, the following persons are appointed and furnished with subscription books, (viz.) *Mr. Jeremiah Atwater*, Merchant, New-Haven, *Capt. Richard Douglass*, New-London,

Doct. Joshua Lotthrop, Norwich, *David Burr, Esq.* Fairfield, *Hon. Joseph P. Cooke, Esq.* Danbury, *Jabez Clark, Esq.* Windham, *Col. Benjamin Talmadge*, Litchfield, *Matthew T. Russell, Esq.* Middletown, *Doct. Smith Clark*, Haddam, *Ephraim Grant, jun. Esq.* Tolland.

To this statement of the Funds of the Society, the Trustees further add, that the *Rev. Doct. Trumbull* has given to the Society the Copy Right of his Volume of Sermons upon Divine Revelation, and directed fifty copies of the same to be distributed among the New Settlements. Ninety Dollars, arising from the sale of this book have been already paid into the Treasury, as appears by the preceding statement No. 2. He has also given 120 copies of *Doct. Watts's Divine Songs* for children, and 30 copies of the *Assembly's Catechism*, with the proofs, to be given by the Missionaries to the people of the New Settlements.

The Compilers of the Hartford Selection of Hymns have likewise bound themselves to pay to the Society Four Cents for each copy of the present edition of the Hymns as fast as they shall be sold, and they have already paid into the Treasury 80 Dollars, arising from the sale of the books to January 1, 1800, as by preceding statement No. 2.

*At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut,
at Hartford, January 15th, 1800.*

ACCEPTED the Report of a Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the people of the State, and a Narrative on the subject of Missions; and Voted, That the same be signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary, and that 900 copies be printed, together with the Constitution of the Society and a Statement of its Funds.

Voted, That three copies be sent to each parish in the state, and that one copy be presented to each member of the Legislature, at their next session, and one copy to each member of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, at their next session: And also, that the Secretary transmit copies to the several Missionary Societies in America and Europe.

Attest,

ABEL FLINT, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

SINCE the late meeting of the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, at which time the preceding Narrative, &c. was prepared for the press, letters have been received by the Secretary addressed to the Trustees, and through them to the Clergy and People of Connecticut from the inhabitants of several towns in the new settlements in the western counties of the state of New-York ; the following extracts from which he has thought it his duty to publish.

No. 1.

Extract of a Letter from sundry Inhabitants of Middletown, Ontario County, dated Nov. 5, 1799.

“ WE feel it to be not only our duty but also our desire, and we believe we express, however feebly, the real sentiments of many pious people and new converts to Christianity, who, by the Providence of Almighty God, have been led to inhabit these so lately savage wilds, when we affectionately present to the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut a tribute of gratitude for the kind and gospel Mission they have, this season, so piously and benevolently appointed to the new settlements in the northern and western parts of the United States. Nor are we unmindful of our brethren in general who have so benevolently contributed to defray the expenses of this Mission. By a blessing on their industry, and a more abundant enjoyment of gospel peace, may they realize, that giving to the poor is lending to the Lord.

“ We hope you will join with us in giving thanks to the Lord our God, that we are led to rejoice, in a charitable belief, that in the course of a few months, it hath pleased the Lord, through the instrumentality of yours and Jesus’ Missionaries, and by a merciful effusion of his divine spirit to make the wilderness to bud and blossom as the rose, to proclaim liberty to the captive, and to give rest to the weary and heavy laden ; so that our country has become vocal with the high praises of our God.

“ From the rapid settlement of this country, a rapidity we believe scarcely equalled by your conceptions, there are many towns and places among us entirely destitute of the preaching of the gospel or but

very partially supplied ; a consideration of this may suggest many sorrows to your pious hearts. *The harvest is great, but the laborers are few : Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into the harvest.* Brethren, pray for us ; and let our prayers, for the prosperity of Zion, unitedly ascend to the father of our spirits from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift."

No. 2.

Extract of a Letter from the Trustees of the first society in Scipio, dated Dec. 25, 1799.

" BELOVED FRIENDS AND BRETHREN,

" WE return you our most sincere and unfeigned thanks for the love and generosity you have, for years past, shown us in these western frontiers by sending faithful and worthy Missionaries to publish the glad tidings of salvation, in this once solitary wilderness, and that you still are making provision to continue such a glorious blessing to us unworthy creatures. May Heaven's blessing rest upon you while you are making such glorious attempts to advance Christ's kingdom and interest in these new plantations.

" We have the greatest reason to bless God that he has put it into the hearts of Christians in one part and another of America to send Missionaries among us. We feel ourselves in duty bound to pray for absent Christian friends ; as we wish them to pray for us, that God would unite us together in the most holy faith, and in his own time and way send us a pastor after his own heart, to lead and instruct us in the way of our duty. We can with pleasure inform you that societies and churches are formed and forming among us, and we are happy to inform you that there is such a union among us that we have put ourselves in a way to raise a salary to support a minister when God shall see fit to favor us with one. And now, dear friends and brethren, we ask your assistance, both by prayer and other means that our request may be granted, not only in sending a minister to us, but in sending many laborers into this part of the vineyard."

No. 3.

Extract of a Letter from the Trustees of the town of Litchfield in Herkemer County, dated Jan. 13, 1800.

" We return you our sincere thanks for the Missionaries you have sent among us this year and the years past, by whose instrumentality

churches have been established, the wandering reclaimed, and many, we trust, have been induced to comply with gospel terms. Those who contribute are likewise deserving of our highest gratitude, together with all those who exert themselves for the good of our souls and the souls of our children. We have a church established in this place, and have made exertions to obtain a pastor, but have proved unsuccessful. We earnestly desire that you would assist us in this matter, and help us to one if in your power. May the Lord bless you and your seed forever, and grant that you and we may unite in prayer to the Almighty God, that he would send forth laborers into his vineyard."

No. 4.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. Aaron Kinne, Missionary to the new settlements west of Lake Champlain, dated December 19, 1799.

"Hitherto Mr. Dana and I have been respectfully and kindly received, and labored I hope not wholly in vain. The Missionary Society of Connecticut meets with universal approbation, and the exertions of it excite universal gratitude. In the pursuit of our great design, I trust we are and shall be aided by the fervent supplications of all the friends of Zion."



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